

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 14, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1734.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1734) granting an increase of pension to Ann Catherine Hull, have examined the same, and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives hereto appended is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

The beneficiary of this bill is the widow of Commodore J. B. Hull, who was appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy November 9, 1813, and was in active service continuously until July 16, 1862, when promoted to commodore and placed on the retired list. October 29, 1864, he was assigned to duty as commander of the navy-yard at Philadelphia, Pa., until January 1, 1866, when detached. He remained on the retired list, except when assigned to some special duty, until January 17, 1890, when he died at Philadelphia, Pa., having been in the United States naval service seventy-seven years.

Evidence has been presented to this committee which shows that the widow has only \$240 per annum income, including her pension of \$12 per month as a widow of a veteran of the war of 1812; that she is 62 years of age, in failing health, and that her income is not sufficient for her needs.

In view of these facts, the committee recommend that the bill do pass.

Appended is a statement of the service of Commodore J. B. Hull.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
Washington, D. C., January 10, 1896.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the following is the record of service of the late Commodore J. B. Hull, United States Navy:

Appointed a midshipman, November 9, 1813; to the *Congress*, January 12, 1814; detached and to the *Washington*, January 23, 1816; ordered to report to Captain Hull for duty, September 21, 1819; ordered to the *Franklin*, June 13, 1821; promoted to lieutenant, January 13, 1825; granted leave of absence, June 6, 1825; to the *Constellation*, October 10, 1825; granted leave, November 1, 1827; to the *Guerriere*, December 4, 1828; detached and to the navy-yard, Washington, D. C., December 16, 1831; detached and granted leave, October 1, 1833; to the *Potomac*, August 6, 1834; detached and granted leave, March 8, 1837; member of a board, May 5, 1835; to the receiving

ship at Boston, October 19, 1837; promoted to commander, September 8, 1841; detached and wait orders, September 25, 1841; to command the *Warren*, July 6, 1843; detached and leave of absence, March 7, 1848; to command the rendezvous at Philadelphia, November 1, 1849; detached and wait orders, November 1, 1851; one year leave abroad, June 4, 1852; promoted to captain, September 14, 1855; to command the *St. Lawrence*, September 20, 1856; detached and granted leave, May 11, 1859; to command the *Savannah*, May 22, 1861; detached and wait orders, September 18, 1861; to special duty at St. Louis, May 16, 1862; promoted to commodore on the retired list, July 16, 1862; detached and to command the navy-yard, Philadelphia, October 29, 1864; detached and wait orders, January 1, 1866; president of board of examiners, November 27, 1866; board dissolved, July 8, 1867; inspector of First light-house district, October 2, 1869; detached and wait orders, October 1, 1870; died at Philadelphia, Pa., January 17, 1890.

Very respectfully,

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Hon. HENRY H. BINGHAM, M. C.,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

